

**WISCONSIN TITLE XXI STATE PLAN
AND SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION FACT SHEET**

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Background

- The State of Wisconsin initially received approval to use funding from the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to expand Medicaid coverage to children ages 15 through 18 who are in families with incomes at or below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

- The Medicaid State plan currently covers all children from 0 through age 5 years in families with incomes at or below 185 percent FPL, and children who are 6 through 18 years in families with incomes at or below 100 percent FPL.

WI Amendments

- Under both an amendment to their SCHIP and the Department's section 1115 demonstration authority for a title XIX expansion, a second Medicaid expansion was implemented to include all remaining children not currently covered by Medicaid and their parents with net family income up to 200 percent of the FPL. Applicants must have net family incomes at or below 185 percent of the FPL to enter the program but can remain in the program until their net family incomes exceed 200 percent of the FPL. The parents were covered at the regular Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) using the Department's section 1115 demonstration authority for a title XIX expansion. The children were covered under the title XXI (SCHIP) enhanced FMAP. However, the State also received the enhanced FMAP for both the parents and the children if cost-effectiveness for family coverage through employer-sponsored insurance (ESI) was demonstrated under Title XXI criteria. There was a regular Medicaid buy-in program for covering families when ESI coverage did not meet the title XXI cost-effectiveness test.
- Children living with a caretaker relative are also covered if Medicaid does not otherwise cover them under the State plan, but the caretaker relative for these children will not be covered under this expansion.
- Wisconsin submitted an amendment to its section 1115 demonstration to obtain enhanced match under title XXI for all parents with incomes between 100 and 185 percent of FPL that were covered under Wisconsin's title XIX demonstration project.
- Wisconsin submitted its second SCHIP state plan amendment on October 18, 2001, to reduce the minimum amount of the employer contribution for participation in the State's premium assistance program from 60 percent to 40 percent.
- Wisconsin submitted its third SCHIP state plan amendment on May 3, 2004, to update its State plan to indicate compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
- Wisconsin submitted its fourth SCHIP state plan amendment on May 8, 2006 which creates a separate SCHIP program to provide coverage for the unborn population.
- Wisconsin submitted its fifth SCHIP state plan amendment on August 29, 2007 to transition children from birth through 5 years of age with family income above 185 through 200 percent of the FPL and children from 6 through age 18 with family income above 150 through 200 percent of the FPL from its Medicaid expansion to the separate program, cover children from 6 through age 18 years of age with family income above 100 through 150 percent of the FPL in the Medicaid expansion, and increase eligibility up to and including 250 percent of the FPL in its separate program.

Children Covered Under Program

- The State reported that 56,627 children were ever enrolled in the program during Federal fiscal year 2006. The enrollment for adults, funded under title XXI, in the 1115 demonstration, Badger Care, was 109,568 ever enrolled in Federal fiscal year 2006. The most recent BadgerCare enrollment statistics can be found at:
<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/badgercare/html/enrollmentstats.htm>

Administration

- The BadgerCare Demonstration, which is inclusive of SCHIP and the title XIX eligibility expansion for adults, is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
- The State verifies access to ESI coverage. After verification has been made, the State makes a determination if it is cost-effective to purchase family coverage either through its own Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program using title XIX dollars or through the title XXI cost-effectiveness test. The State originally received enhanced match for the entire family with incomes below 100 percent FPL only if the title XXI cost-effectiveness criterion was met, or only for the children if the title XXI cost-effectiveness criterion was not met. With the approval of the SCHIP section 1115 demonstration, the State receives enhanced FMAP for all eligible family members above 100 percent FPL.

Health Care Delivery System

- The State uses a Medicaid managed care delivery system.

Benefit Package

- The Medicaid benefit package is offered. Families enrolled in ESI will receive a Medicaid wrap-around for services not included in the employer's insurance plan.

Cost Sharing

- Families with incomes above 150 percent FPL pay a premium that is 5 percent of family income. Premiums will be collected through several methods: (1) direct payment by check or money order; (2) wage withholding; or (3) electronic funds transfer. Failure to pay premiums will result in the disenrollment of the family from BadgerCare. The family is not eligible to re-enroll for another 6 months except for reasons of good cause (i.e., an administrative error in recording the non-payment of premiums or a change in the family composition).

- There are no copayments or deductibles for BadgerCare services provided under managed care.

Crowd-Out Activities

- The State will conduct various surveys to determine if there are any changes in the scope and the extent of employer-based coverage. Specifically, the State will study the effects of the employment rates, patterns of employment, health care costs inflation, employer net earnings, employer size and any other variables to assess the impact of BadgerCare on employer-based coverage.
- All major insurers in the State are required to submit on a semi-annual basis a report to Wisconsin Medicaid of all they currently insure. This data is matched with the Medicaid eligibility files to determine if insurance exists for recipients and their non-Medicaid eligible dependents. This process will assist the State in determining access to other public and private health insurance coverage.
- Applicants are not eligible for BadgerCare if they are currently covered by health insurance, have had insurance in the 3 months prior to the month of application, or have had access to a group health insurance plan in which their employer pays at least 80 percent of the monthly premium in the past 18 months.
- To be eligible for ESI coverage through HIPPA, title XXI enhanced match is not available if the employer pays less than 40 percent of the premium, more than 80 percent of the premium, and/or any member of the family has been covered by employer sponsored insurance in the past 6 months.

Outreach Activities

- The State's outreach plan has five major components: (1) statewide public information campaign; (2) expanded training; (3) improved case-specific problem resolution; (4) systems changes; and, (5) support for regional and local initiatives, including the outstationing of eligibility workers. The outreach plan complements and builds upon Medicaid outreach initiatives.

Financial Information

Total FFY '07 SCHIP Allotment -- \$69,563,162
FFY '07 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate – 70.23%

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